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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US-UK NEGOTIATIONS--HONG KONG

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1. CONSEQUENCES OF INTERRUPTION OF US-UK SERVICE BY US AIRLINES PROVIDES VIRTUALLY NO LEVERAGE. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, CARGO COULD BE CARRIED IN SEVERAL WAYS: (A) REGIONAL AIRLINES, E.G., CATHAY PACIFIC, SINGAPORE AIRLINES, PAL (THROUGH MANILA) COULD CARRY CARGO TO JAPAN WHERE CARGO
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WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO US, JAPANESE, CHINESE, KOREAN OR BRAZILIAN AIRCRAFT. (NOTE: CESSATION OF JAPAN-HK SERVICE BY US CARRIERS WOULD FREE SLOTS AT HANEDA AIRPORT WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INCREASED SERVICES BY NON-US AIRLINES);(B) REGIONAL AIRLINES COULD CARRY TRAFFIC THROUGH TO OWN HOMELAND, E.G., KAL, CAL, PAL. (FYI. KAL HOLDS OUT EIGHT WEEKLY FLIGHTS TO HK FROM LA VIA SEOUL OFFERING

VARIETY OF WIDE-BODY CONTAINERS. END FYI.); (C) JAL COULD INCREASE SERVICE (JAL ALREADY PROVIDES 16 WEEKLY ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS--WITH HEAVY LOAD FACTORS EASTBOUND AND ADVERTISES THAT IT HAS 529,000 LBS. OF LIFT PER WEEK TO HK FROM NORTH AMERICAN POINTS); (D) TMA HAS ALL-CARGO RIGHTS AND OFFERS TWO FLIGHTS FROM HK-TOKYO-US AND ONE ADDITIONAL FLIGHT FROM TOKYO TO US; AND (E) THAI INTERNATIONAL MIGHT

TRY TO UTILIZE THAI RIGHTS. IN OUR VIEW FOREGOING METHODS COULD PROVIDE ESSENTIAL CARGO SERVICES IF US CARRIERS WERE TERMINATED AT HK. EXCEPT FOR IMMEDIATE TURMOIL, EFFECT ON HK BUSINESS PLANNING WOULD BE MINIMAL. SAME GENERAL CONCLUSION WOULD APPLY TO COMBINATION SERVICE (WHICH WOULD BE FURTHER SOURCE OF CARGO SPACE).

2. WITH REGARD TO NON-AVIATION ECONOMIC AREAS, ALL SUCH AREAS, INCLUDING TEXTILES, DO NOT READILY LEND THEMSELVES TO BE USED AS LEVERAGE IN AVIATION TALKS. EACH AREA PRESENTS MYRIAD OF IMPLICATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES WHICH MAKE IMPOSSIBLE QUICK DECISION ON ITS USE AS LEVERAGE.

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